nothing that you just sent me.

In my haste in going over the Post yesterday, more than the usual haste because I expected two sets of students, I forgot to go over the story of Nixon in France. In radio reporting, probably early a.m., I heard a quote from him saying that he knew in Iceland that Pompidou was dying. If it is no trouble and you recall this quote, that is all I would like to have, this continuing self-presentation as the all-knowing, for the psychological file I have started.

However, it is possible that intelligence reports had told him the illness was terminal.

But in that case Nixon's disclosure is sufficient for my point: why the hell did he have to say it, particularly under the circumstances?

TO JW
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